

Amendments to the Claims

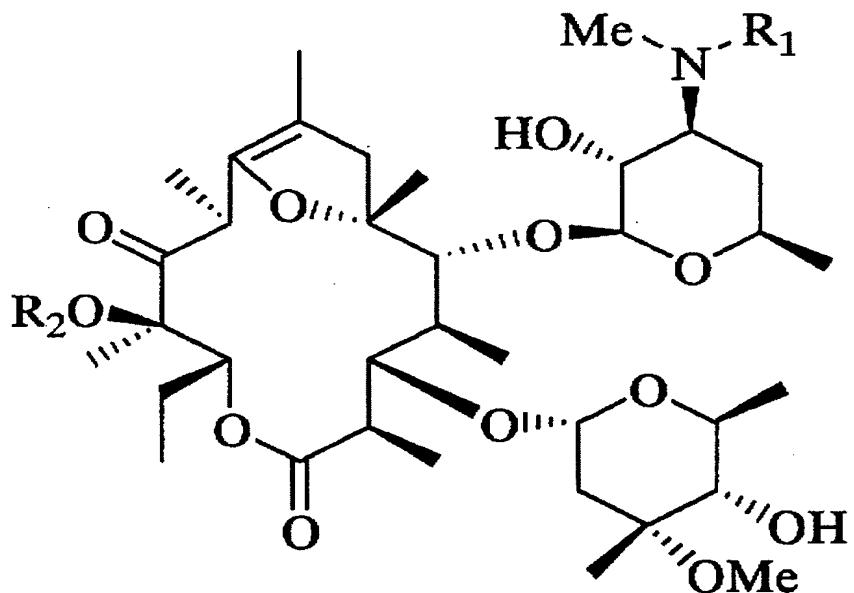
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) A method for treating constipation and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with constipation, defecation dysfunction, which comprises

administering to the patient, the a therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction constipation, according to claim 1 which comprises as an active ingredient a compound of Formula (1) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein R₁ represents an isopropyl group and R₂ represents a methyl group, in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction constipation in the patient.

Claims 11-14 (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 10, wherein the constipation is analgesic-induced constipation, or induced morphine-induced constipation. for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 5 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 10, wherein the constipation is functional constipation. for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 6 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

17. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 10, wherein the constipation is constipation

associated with irritable bowel syndrome, atonic constipation, rectal constipation or chronic constipation. for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 7 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

18. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 10, wherein the constipation is senile constipation. for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 8 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

19. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 10, which accelerates normal defecation. for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 9 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

Claim 20 (Cancelled).